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We claim:

1. A method for transmitting data in a network, comprising the steps, performed by a processor, of:

receiving a set of fixed-length characters;

converting each fixed-length character into a multibyte character to determine a length corresponding to the multibyte characters; and transmitting the length and the multibyte characters.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of converting comprises the steps of:

converting each fixed-length character into a multibyte character; and determining a length corresponding to the multibyte characters

- 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the step of determining comprises the step of determining a length of the string of multibyte characters by converting the string to UTF-8 encoding format.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting comprises the steps of:

converting each fixed-length character into a multibyte character; and transmitting the length and the multibyte characters.

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	5	An apparatus for transmitting data in a network between a client and a
server,	compri	sing:

a receiver configured to receive a set of fixed-length characters;

a converter configured to convert each fixed-length character into a multibyte character to determine a length corresponding to the multibyte characters; and a transmitter configured to transmit the length and the multibyte characters.

6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the converter comprises:

a converter configured to convert each fixed-length character into a multibyte character; and

a determining component configured to determine a length corresponding to the multibyte characters

7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the determining component configured to determine comprises a determining component configured to determine a length of the string of multibyte characters by converting the string to UTF-8 encoding format.

8. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the transmitter configured to transmit comprises:

a converter configured to convert each fixed-length character into a multibyte character; and

a transmitter configured to transmit the length and the multibyte characters.

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9. A computer program product comprising:

a computer-usable medium having computable readable code embodied therein for transmitting data in a network between a client and a server, the computer program product comprising the steps, performed by a processor, of:

receiving a set of fixed-length characters;

converting each fixed-length character to a multibyte character; determining a length corresponding to the multibyte characters; and transmitting the length and the multibyte characters.

10. The product of claim 9, wherein the step of converting comprises the steps of:

converting each fixed-length character to a multibyte character; and determining a length corresponding to the multibyte characters.

- 11. The product of claim 10, wherein the step of determining comprises the step of determining a length of the string of multibyte characters by converting the string to UTF-8 encoding format.
- 12. The product of claim 9, wherein the step of transmitting comprises the steps of:

converting each fixed-length character into a multibyte character; and transmitting the length and the multibyte characters.

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A system for transmitting data in a network comprising: means for receiving a set of fixed-length characters; means for converting each fixed-length character into a multibyte character to determine a length corresponding to the multibyte characters; and means for transmitting the length and the multibyte characters.

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14. The system of claim 13, wherein the means for converting comprises: means for converting each fixed-length character into a multibyte character; and means for determining a length corresponding to the multibyte characters;

- 15. The system of claim 14, wherein the means for determining comprises a means for determining a length of the string of multibyte characters by converting the string to UTF-8 encoding format.
- 16. The system of claim 13, wherein the means for transmitting comprises: means for converting each fixed-length character into a multibyte character; and means for transmitting the length and the multibyte characters.